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Flo Pickett, Program VP

Join Us for Our Literary Luncheon Saturday, January 6, 2007

Mystery novel and Edgar Award winning author Wendy Hornsby will be our speaker at the January 6, 2007 luncheon at the Lakewood Country Club. Educated at UCLA and CSULB, the southern California native holds graduate degrees in Ancient and Medieval History and is a professor of history at Long Beach City College.



From her very first book, NO HARM, published in 1987, Wendy has received critical acclaim. The N.Y. Times found her work to be "refreshing, real, and raunchy". The L.A. Times commented upon her gift for creating "unusually poignant figures" and, according to the Cleveland Plain Dealer, "No mystery novelist since Raymond Chandler may have captured downtown L.A. the way Hornsby does."

Published internationally, in many languages, Wendy Hornsby is the author of seven mystery novels, a large number of short stories, and an anthology of her short stories, NINE SONS AND OTHER MYSTERIES. Her work has been honored time and again. She has received, among others, the prestigious Edgar Allan Poe Award (the "Edgar"). Her Maggie MacGowan mystery, 77th STREET REQUIEM, was named one of the six best mysteries of 1995 by Publishers Week Magazine, based on its "literary excellence, originality, timeliness, and the promise of enduring contribution to our culture."

We are looking forward to an exciting talk by an interesting home grown local writer.

Bring a friend and prospective member to this literary luncheon!

Community Relations, Lou Es Greene

Women's Shelter of Long Beach *Wish List*

The Women's Shelter welcomes all donations, but particularly needs the following items: Clothing for boys; children's educational videos and age-appropriate books and music; hygiene items such as shampoo, conditioner, brushes, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, feminine hygiene products, razors, shaving cream, make-up; adult clothing: new bras, socks, and underwear (especially large sizes), pajamas, new slippers, comfortable clothing (especially extra small and extra large); and household items such as bed linens, small appliances, pots, dishes, and utensils.

Call Linda Moore (714) 504-4963 for pick up or bring to Lou Es Greene (please call (562) 434-6477). Items may also be left at AAUW Office at St. Luke's or brought to meetings.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN MISSION STATEMENT
AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.



BRANCH NEWS



Courtesy

Mary Orr, Courtesy Chair

In memory of the deceased Mrs. Thelma Eileen Geiger, our past 1950-51 president, the past presidents of Long Beach AAUW, EF, have donated \$50.

Happy birthday to all January honorees.

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers (sisters); None goes his way alone; All that we send into the lives of others comes back into our own."

Edwin Markham

May 2007 be one of peace, joy, and health to all.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Planned Branch Program Meetings (all on a Saturday except where noted):

Jan 6	9:30 AM	Lakewood C.C.
Feb 3	9:30 AM	Leisure World
Mar 3	8:30 AM	Khoury's
Apr 12*	5 PM	El Dorado Golf Course Restaurant
May 5	9:30 AM	The Grand
Jun 2	9:30 AM	Old Ranch C.C.
*Thursday		

February Program Info

The month of February is Black History Month. Our speaker at our luncheon meeting on Saturday, February 3, 2007, will be from California State University Long Beach and will speak to us about diversity. We will be meeting at Leisure World.

Save the date!

Board Briefs

AAUW Long Beach Branch
Executive Committee Meeting
November 20, 2006 6:40 p.m.
St. Luke's Episcopal Church

Regular Branch business was transacted. Norma Grady moved, Judith Kaho seconded, that \$700 be transferred from the LAF Shares account to be added to the total amount to be sent to State for the Branch LAF donation. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS: Below are the dates, times, and location of future Board of Directors and Executive Committee Meetings:

Board of Directors: St. Luke's Youth Room, 6:30 PM: **Jan 15**, Mar 19, May 21 (Joint Mtg) (3rd Monday of Month)

Executive Committee: St Luke's, Room 117, 6:30 PM: Feb 19, Apr 16 (3rd Monday of Month)

**AAUW-LONG BEACH WEBSITE: <http://www.aauw-longbeach.org>
Webmaster: George Jackson – email him at gl_jackson@hotmail.com**

FROM THE PRESIDENT: Board Bits and Pieces: Gail Morrison, President

The Executive Board discussed the possibility of offering an honorary membership to Tracy Sachtjen, EF fellow who lives in Long Beach. Fay Denny and Betty Ann Rauch sat beside her at the EF luncheon in Costa Mesa in early November. Tracy received a \$20,000 fellowship from AAUW to continue her research. The Board decided to wait until March when the membership would extend into next year.

Assistance League sent us a survey asking if we'd be interested in renting their new facility next year for our meetings. We replied in the affirmative as we are hopeful that this will provide a way to offer inexpensive luncheons for our members. Assistance League has always provided a delicious luncheon! About twelve other organizations received the letter as well.

In-between Board Bits: Sunny Meylor, Meetings Coordinator, has planned a low cost luncheon for our February meeting at Leisure World. She believes that the luncheon will be only \$10.00. Hoping of reaching the annual goal of \$7500, Sharon Westafer, EF VP suggested charging an additional \$12 and to split additional proceeds with LAF (2/3 (EF) and 1/3 (LAF)) as a fund-raiser, bringing the cost to \$22. I sent out e-mails to the Board for their approval. Some of the responses I received follow:

- Fay Denny inquired about Tech Trek (cost for sending one girl to camp will cost \$750!);
- Deloris Mayuga preferred that members have a choice of fundraising projects;
- Norma Grady liked the idea of an inexpensive luncheon;
- Linda Silver assured that her fundraising will begin in January and that we are in really good shape;
- Sharon Westafer withdrew her proposal and the EF/LAF proposal was canceled.

A low-cost luncheon will be offered for the February luncheon. A big turn out is anticipated.

I attended the Nov. 27, 2006, LACIC meeting chaired by Marilyn Siemon-Burgeson at the Downey Public Library in Downey. Charlotte Newhart, AAUW-CA Public Policy Advocate of Sacramento was the speaker. Ms. Newhart likened politics to personal relationships. She urged the branches to have a strong public policy and to invite our representatives to our meetings. She stressed the need to get more women in the legislature.

Rose Gernon and Doloris Seidman, Los Angeles District Public Policy, spoke on "Preventing Abuse: Human Trafficking and Child Abduction." (A 10-minute CD through Human Resources explains the problem. Contact Ginny Hatfield, SCRCO Rep., ginnyvmh@aol.com for more info.)

Kathleen Doty, District Director, announced that the Speech Trek winner will speak at the AAUW State Convention in Ontario (April 27-29), Ontario Airport Hilton.

Mention was made of the memorial for Linda Hoyer, Whittier Branch member; Past Chair of LACIC who passed away on Friday, Nov. 24.

Board Bits and Pieces continues on Page 4.

TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION

A man spoke frantically into the phone: "My wife is pregnant, and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" the doctor asked. "No!" the man shouted, "This is her husband!"

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On Saturday morning, December 2, 2006, we enjoyed a fabulous Wassail at Bay Shore Community Congregational Church in Belmont Shore. Flo Pickett did an outstanding job this year. Red poinsettias graced each round table, compliments of Flo, along with red and green Hershey kisses. Sharon Westafer's highly organized auction tables made for easy access and netted a hefty total for EF. Lou Es's operetta, "Little Red Riding Hood" (henceforth known as "Red") performed by the Equity Players was a hit and brought forth many a chuckle. Barbara Gleason's warmed "wassail" added to the morning cheer. Darlene Daclan washed every cup and saucer assisted by Judith Kaho, the mentees, and (Councilwoman) Gerrie Schipske.

The mentees pretty soaps sold very well. They will use the proceeds for their year-end party. Nicole Ramsdell joined the mentees from San Francisco area (Scott's Valley) especially for our Wassail. It is wonderful that Nicole can still participate with the mentor program despite her move.

Everyone pitched in today to make another worthwhile AAUW Wassail. We are fortunate for the generosity of all participants and supporters and we thank each and every one of you! Happy Holidays to all and we're ending 2006 on a high note as we head into 2007!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

November 28	AAUW's Birthday (125)
December 18	Executive Board meeting, 6:30 p.m., Room 117 St. Luke's
January 6	General Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Lakewood Country Club
January 15	Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Youth Center, St. Luke's
January 22	LACIC Meeting
February 3	General Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Leisure World

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

April 27-29	AAUW-CA Convention in Ontario
June 2	Leadership Day/LACIC Installation
June 29-July 2	Association Convention, Phoenix
August 10-16	IFUW Conference: Manchester, England

It's Time for Great Decisions -- 2007

As usual the topics picked by the Foreign Policy Association for the Great Decisions discussion groups for 2007 are pertinent, serious, and well-worth our time and attention. Here is the list of topics: Middle East, Climate Change, Mexico, Migration, South Africa, War Crimes, Central Asia, and Children. Each year we try to offer at least three groups so that we can best accommodate each person's schedule: morning, afternoon, evening. Each group usually has 10 to 12 participants. It is always possible to begin a new group with six committed people. If there are too many in a group, some do not get the chance to participate fully. It is important for each person to have the Great Decisions book. It costs \$15.00 and enables us to all start out with similar information. You can always bring in more news of the subject. The committee orders the books in January and distributes them for the groups to begin in February. You have the chance to sign up immediately. Make out a check for \$15 payable to AAUW Long Beach and send to Helen Sebring. Friends are welcome in any group. Men, husbands, friends, relatives are welcome in the evening group. Get ready for another great year and help Kate Hyland and Helen Sebring pick the most important topics for a program at a meeting and for the International Dinner evening.

Thanks, Helen and Kate

THANK YOU FROM EF

December marks the end of the fundraising year for EF and because of the generosity of branch members, we were able to send \$8400.00 to be applied to the Long Beach Branch Research and Projects Grant. Since the last Vantage was published, several members sent donations. Flo Pickett and Frances Magarian joined the 1/2 Century Club, JoAnn Kuroda, Daphne Ching-Jackson, Florence Wilson, Lou Es Greene, Barbara Cottrell and Wanda Wellerstein joined the Century Club, Linda Silver joined the 2nd Century Club, and Fay Denny joined the Chocolate Club.

The Wassail was wonderful, thanks to Gail Morrison, Flo Pickett, and her committee. The Educational Foundation took in over \$1,200.00 from the silent auction, the \$1 item table, the gently used book sale, and the sale of woman pins, coin/pencil purses, and hand-made Christmas stockings. Did you know that Gail Morrison made the stockings in her "spare time"? Special thanks to all of you who helped with sales, donated money, auction items, and/or books. Helen and Fred Sebring deserve special thanks for once again offering their lovely mountain home as an auction item. We really appreciate their generosity.

In late November, I received a phone call from Nora Perry of the Redding branch. She informed me that because the Long Beach branch has always been supportive of their endowment efforts, the Redding branch designated \$6,000 of their EF donation this year to go to the Long Beach Research and Projects Grant. Isn't that wonderful?

The money raised this year came from several events. As always, the best fund-raiser was direct donations to the Century Club, Second Century Club, Chocolate Club, and other gifts. Here is the listing for all our fundraising events:

\$ 4,343.00 Chocolate Club, etc.
\$ 160.00 Pin Sales
\$ 188.00 Book Sale
\$ 35.00 Christmas Stockings
\$ 175.00 Bunco Party
\$ 380.00 Theater-Thoroughly Modern Millie
\$ 940.00 Silent Auction
\$ 2,179.00 Carried forward from last spring

LAF Report

Thanks to all of you who contributed so generously to our LAF appeal.

While the total is not yet available, we have at least \$2,500 to send to the State LAF Chairman. (A few more checks will be available soon.)

I appreciate your interest in this "new" AAUW fund. It is important

Thank you,

*Jean Aldrich
LAF Vice President*

RUNNING ON THE SAME BEAT!

Diversity – Darci Fersch

Anna Halprin said, *"I see dance as a powerful tool for bringing a community **together** and transforming people's relationships to each other. It takes them to a place within themselves that they cannot get to alone. People running on the same beat is so powerful. It creates expansion of ones self. Allowing individuals in a community to identify their differences, but strengthen their commonalities."*

Long Beach is a diverse city and we celebrate our diversity! However, diversity also brings its own set of challenges. There's a need for understanding when so many people of different cultures, different faiths, different backgrounds, and different points of view come together to build a community.

To help overcome some of the tensions that exist and turn those tensions into energy for the work that needs to be done in being united as a community is the City's Human Dignity Program and Human Relations Commission whose goal is to educate for awareness and tolerance within the community. The commission meets the second Thursday, of each month to gather information from Long Beach citizens that will assist with the promotion of better understanding among the diverse cultural groups in Long Beach.

Long Beach is known for many things. Its link to the world of commerce, its location at the center of the Pacific Rim, its climate, and its accessibility to all areas of Southern California. As members of this community, we have a responsibility to work to ensure that it's also known for its tolerance and its respect. That we are a City of the 21st Century whose citizens have the ability, collectively, to honor, embrace, and learn from our differences. To show that we are a community that is running on the same beat.

READ FOR YOURSELF AND TELL A FRIEND 2007 CLASS OF WOMEN'S HEALTH LEADERSHIP

Women's Health Leadership (WHL) is currently accepting applications for its 2007 class. WHL invites you and/or your colleagues to apply for the 2007 program year (beginning in February 2007). The deadline for applications is December 22, 2006. Applications are available at www.connectccp.org. Please call WHL at 916-498-6960 for more information.

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Please consider applying to commit to a year-long program dedicated to increasing partnerships with other stakeholders concerned about enhancing the quality of life for Californians. WHL promotes health and social justice by supporting grassroots women leaders. Since 1994, over 300 women have graduated from WHL; these leaders represent over 75% of California's 58 counties in 22 specific ethnic cultures. As part of the program, the participant attends four retreats. These retreats are designed to build the capacity of women who already make a difference in their communities and have the desire to strengthen and build on their current work to achieve greater impact.

Among many benefits, participants will participate in a unique model for women's leadership development; take part in efforts to improve women's health; and have access to a statewide network of leaders. As members of the WHL Learning Community, the selected women leaders must be able to commit to a year-long program consisting of a diverse set of activities. Attend four retreats in the Greater Sacramento Area (2/22-2/23/07, 5/17/07-5/18/07, 10/18/07-10/19/07, and 2/22/08); complete a learning project; make a financial commitment of \$500 for the entire series of retreats. (This cost includes meals, materials, and activities. Participants are responsible for arranging and funding their own travel and accommodations.)

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

The International Federation of University Women conference will occur in Manchester, England on August 10 to 16, 2007. It will be the 29th conference. Registration started on Nov. 1st. There are members who are interested in this, but do not have the information they need. For further information on this event, go to ifuwsupport.org and then to ifuw.org/ifuw2007. Any questions, contact hannah.cline@verizon.net



The American Association of University Women, one of the oldest nonprofit organizations dedicated to advocating women’s rights, celebrated its 125th anniversary on Nov. 28, 2006 “We’re proud that our organization still makes a difference today,” said AAUW President Ruth Sweetser. “AAUW has stood the test of time and will continue to be a strong advocate for women in years to come.”

Founded Nov. 28, 1881, by 17 female college graduates, AAUW has developed a rich tradition of leadership, scholarship, advocacy, and action. Members have included many exceptional women, such as Coretta Scott King, Former Congresswoman Patsy Mink, Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught, and Dr. Johnnetta Cole. Today, AAUW numbers more than 100,000 members, 1,300 branches, and 500 college and university partners.

AAUW has shaped the social, political, and economic scene for women, including the fight for pay equity; a woman’s right to vote; and legislation that protects women at home, in schools, and in the workplace. For years, AAUW has been a source for research about women and higher education, sexual harassment, and workplace equity. For more information about the anniversary celebration, please go to www.aauw.org.

<p style="text-align: center;">AAUW BRANCH MEETING</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday January 6, 2007 Lakewood Country Club 3101 East Carson Street Lakewood, CA 90712 (562) 421-0550 Fireside Room</p> <p>Social: 9:30 a.m.-10:a.m. Business Meeting: 10:00-11:00 a.m. Program: 11:00-12:00 Noon Lunch: 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Menu: Soup/ Rolls, Butter, Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Tea and a choice of</p> <p>Traditional Cobb Salad OR Chef’s Salad</p> <p>Carrot Cake</p> <p>Cost: \$25.00</p> <p>Questions: Call Sunny Meylor (562) 594-5519 Cost: \$25.00</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RESERVATION RETURN</p> <p>Send your registration and Check payable to AAUW Long Beach Branch. Please mail to Judy Allen, 2845 Greenbrier Road, Long Beach, CA 90815</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deadline for Reservations, December 21, 2006</p> <p>Member(s) _____ _____</p> <p>Phone (Day) _____ Evening _____</p> <p>Guest(s) _____ _____</p> <p>Address(s) _____ _____</p> <p>No. of Reservations ____ Amount Enclosed _____</p> <p>Cobb ____ OR Chef ____ OR Vegetarian ____</p> <p>I would like to make ____ reservation(s) for the meeting and program only.</p>
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Interest Groups

Public Policy: We will be meeting on Wednesday, January 17 at the home of Jean Aldrich, 7970 Ring St, Long Beach. The meeting will start at 1:30 p.m. and the subject will be health care. Most polls show that one of the top concerns of Americans is the rising cost of health care. Please bring any information you have on this issue. There are many suggestions of how to remedy the problem of lack of coverage or inadequate affordable coverage for all Americans. Hope to see you on January 17. Bring your thoughts and opinions and let's have a lively and informative discussion.

Book Chat Plus: Please join us in January on the 4th Monday, 130 to 330 p.m, at Branch Headquarters. Call Jean Friedrichs, (562) 598 9218 for more info.

Antiques and Collectibles. Call Barbara Gleason for information about the January meeting or if you have any questions about the group: (562) 421-2206

Bridge Groups:

Other Wednesday Bridge	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday	Noon – 4:00 p.m.	Emily Elgin	498-0646
Friday Bridge	2 nd Friday	9:30 a.m. – noon	Cathy Cunningham	424-3166

Both groups meet at the Petroleum Club, 3636 Linden Avenue, Long Beach, 90807

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